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Re Patent Application of:
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For: GRATING-AND POLYMER-BASED
OPTICAL ATTENUATORS AND
MODULATORS

Examiner: A. E. Ullah

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on June 21, 2005. Accordingly, applicant submits herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time, to September 21, 2005, along with the requisite fee therefore. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.